

Notes to the town

Celebrations of history, adding new members, opportunity to change, election information, water information and assessing news tops our active items this month.

On October 12, 2003 at 2:00 PM we will be dedicating a historical marker celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the DW Airport at 9200 Asbury Road. Town has purchased a marker with the following message –

D.W. Airport

Dedicated on October 12, 1928, the Donald Woodward Airport was built by the youngest son of Orator Woodward, owner of Jell-O. Considered one of the finest private airports in the United States, it was designed by aviation pioneer, Russell Holderman, and was the home of a fleet of airplanes including Amelia Earhart's "Friendship" which flew the Atlantic on June 17, 1928. Earhart visited the airport on January 24, 1929. The airport was later owned by the White Airplane Company, which assembled planes on site.

We will have an exhibit of remote control airplanes of that era by the Batavia RC Flying Club. It will be exciting to see the craftsmanship of these planes. Recreation Director, Kristi Bardeen will host a balsa wood plane-flying clinic for children and distance flying contest. Activities will begin at 2:00 PM and conclude by 3:00 PM. Hope you are able to join us.

The Town Board welcomes Robert Uberty to fill the unexpired term of Gerald Halligan. The term will conclude 12-31-2004. At which time a one-year term will be available for election.

Election news from Town Clerk Patty Canfield: Election Day is November 4, 2003. Polls are open at 6:00 AM through 9:00 PM. Voting locations are as follows:

Districts 1, 2, 3 at Town Hall, 48 Main Street

Districts 4, 8 at Holy Family School, 44 Lake Street

Districts 5, 6, 7 at Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 West Main Street

All registered voters received by mail a voting district information postcard. Voting is open to Town and Village registered voters. Absentee ballots applications are available at Town Hall 48 Main Street. Applications must be postmarked by October 28<sup>th</sup>. You may also call County Election Commissioners at 344-2550 ext. 2206 or 2207. Or you may access the application on the County website at [www.co.genesee.ny.us.com](http://www.co.genesee.ny.us.com) and click on the election page to download the application.

Please be aware, on Election Day, Town Clerk office will be closed.

Hunting and Fishing licenses and punch cards for the transfer station are available during Town Clerk Office hours daily. The month of October we host Roll-Off containers at the Transfer Station on Circular Hill Road on Saturdays 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for oversized items. October 25<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the Roll-Offs this year. Additionally, in an effort to

meet the need of residents in LeRoy we are accepting clean yard waste and tree trimmings at the transfer station at no additional charge until October 25, 2003. That will be that last day for this year.

Highway Department is finishing up roadwork for the year. Paving and shoulder work remains on the list. Great weather allows for the finishing work this year. Let's hope it holds out longer! Many thanks to the Highway Department and Superintendent Roth for the outstanding job creating the sidewalk on South Street to the new Jr. Sr. High School with Village and School help. Thanks too for the paving equipment borrowed from the county. Working together and sharing talents derives the highest benefit from our local resources. LeRoy is proud to be a community with knowledge and encouragement of working cooperation!

Assessor Beth Hiscutt is working diligently on the annual assessment update. Assessing is a function of fairly sharing a tax levy. Comparing sales of like kind structures in a community to value them accordingly creates the assessment roll. New assessment roll will be presented next year.

Opportunity for change is at the Board levels in the Town and Village. We have before both boards an opportunity to join Village and Town Planning Boards and Village and Town Zoning Boards of Appeals. This action would be the first step in creating one code for LeRoy. Both municipalities must update their code books to include uniform building codes adopted by the state this past January 2003. Both municipalities are undergoing a review of design criteria for adoption too. This is one more area of duplication that bears examination and decision. At the recent Joint Village and Town meeting this opportunity was discussed and will be on the agenda again at December Joint meeting. Both boards are looking for input from their Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members.

2004 Town Budget is in the early stages. Town board members are weighing needs of staff, unfunded mandates from higher governments and taxpayer sentiment. There should be no doubt that this is a difficult time for budgets of local governments. We are diligent to this work and very sensitive to our community burdened by local taxes. The Town of LeRoy operates in an environment of \$59.00 of tax collected per average household per year. Compare that to your cable or cell phone bill. We represent a low cost government to our community.

In water news – Water District 6 (Route 19 South) the town will be closing out the project by the end of October. If there are any residents who wish to hook into the water line now, that action must be completed by October 31, 2003. After the project is closed out the debt service and interest for construction of the water project will appear on your January Town and County Tax bill. The water supplier provides water use charges. We are so pleased for the residents of Water District 6 to have public water available to them. The grant and low interest loan from Rural Development made it a reality. Thank you also for the participation of the Village of LeRoy for the supply of water.

Extension #1 (West Bergen, Randall and Selden Roads) has been awarded the low interest loan for the project. We are waiting fulfillment of Rural Development obligation for the grant portion. We have begun the investigation for construction of the waterline. Residents will notice survey stakes and other investigation activity in the area. We look for construction of the project to begin next spring, once we are awarded the grant.

Public information was presented for people on East Bethany – LeRoy and Westacott Roads. Town Board had received an informal petition for supply of public water. Our engineer put together four different scenarios for a water line project to serve those areas. After the presentation residents of East Bethany-LeRoy Road indicated by a show of hands their non-interest in public water. We have instructed our engineer to come up with an alternate route for water supply to Westacott Road. We look forward to the brainstorming sessions that can create an environment to serve those interested people with public water.

In the next month our regularly scheduled meetings are October 23rd and November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall. Please join us when you are able. You may reach the Supervisor, Shelley Stein by phone at 768-6910 ext. 231. Thank you for your continued interest.